

Remarks

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of **December 22, 2004**.
Reexamination and reconsideration of **claims 1-21** is respectfully requested.

Summary of The Office Action

Claims 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-6, 8-11, 14-17, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Zlotnick (U.S. 5,493,239).

Claims 7, 12, 13, 18, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zlotnick in view of Wang et al (U.S. 6,314,550).

Non-Art Rejections

Claim 6 has been amended to correct the term “the timing signal” to be “the second timing signal”. Claim 6 is now believed to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The Present Amendment

Claims 10-15 have been canceled.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite a method for configuring a plurality of controlling devices during a system reset of a computing device. Zlotnick relates to configuring FPGAs and fails to teach or suggest a method as claimed that configures controlling devices in response to a system reset of a computing device. Claim 1 further recites resetting a data device and a first

controlling device, transmitting first configuration data to the first controlling device, then causing the first controlling device to set the second controlling device.

Wang relates to integrated circuits and teaches how to provide a greater number of external pins for input and output of data (Abstract, and column 1, line 15 and lines 60-61). Wang fails to teach or suggest a method of configuring devices that occurs in response to a system reset of a computing device as recited in claim 1.

Since claim 1 recites features not taught or suggested by the references, claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the references. Accordingly, dependent claims 2-9 also patentably distinguish over the references and are in condition for allowance.

New claim 21 has been added. Claim 21 is directed to a computing device and recites features that are supported by the examples in Figures 2 and/or 3 of the present application, and corresponding sections of the specification. Thus, no new matter has been added. Applicant believes the claimed computing device is not taught or suggested by the references of record and should be in condition for allowance.

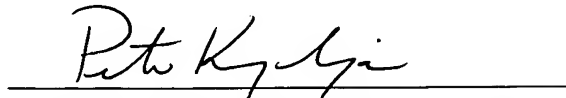
Claims 16-20 have been amended to depend from new claim 21.

Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, **claims 1-9, and 16-21** patentably and unobviously distinguish over the references of record and are now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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